Appointment of Consultants to value and sell surplus Land of NTC

5232. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTC has appointed property consultants to value and sell surplus land in its possession;

(b) if so, the details of the consultants appointed and under what terms and conditions;

(c) whether the consultants have been asked to submit their reports within some specific period;

(d) if so, the, details thereof; and

(e) the plans of Government to invest the money likely to get from the sale of surplus lands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, NTC has appointed 5 Property Consultants namely (i) Jones Lang Lasalle, New Delhi (ii) Chesterton Megh Raj New Delhi, (iii) ICICI Home Finance, Mumbai, (iv) Sallmanns India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, (v) Knight Frank New Delhi to assist in valuation and sale of its properties.

The Consultant Firms would need to complete valuation and also assist in finding prospective buyers for the property, on completion of which they would be paid 0.31% of the sale value of the land.

(c) and (d) The Consultants were asked to submit their initial reports by 30th April, 2002. Some reports have been received.

(e) Resources from sale of land would be used for implementing the rehabilitation schemes approved by BIFR consisting of payment of VRS/statutory dues to workers and modernisation of mills.

Promotion and Development of Handicrafts In Rajasthan

5233. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicraft units presently functioning in different parts of Rajasthan and number of workers engaged therein; and

(b) the scheme/incentive being given by Government for the promotion and development of handicrafts in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) As per the census of handicrafts artisans conducted by NCAER during 1995-96, the number of handicrafts unite functioning in different parts of Rajasthan is 1,28,871 and 4,07,700 number of artisans are engaged in these units.

(b) The scheme/incentive being given by Government for promotion and development of handicrafts in the country including the State of Rajasthan include training for skill upgradation; marketing development support; revival of languishing crafts; design and technology upgradation; setting up of Craft Development Centre and Common Facility Centre; setting up of work sheds and work sheds-cum-housing; conferring of National Award and National Merit Certificates to outstanding crafts persons; group insurance and pension under indigent circumstances etc. With a view to ensure sustainable development of the sector the Government has recently launched a new comprehensive scheme named "Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana" which seeks to develop selected artisans clusters into professionally managed self-reliant community enterprises working on the principle of effective member participation and mutual cooperation.

Review of TUFS to boost investment in Textile Sector

5234. SHRI CR THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the working to Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme to boost investment in Textile Industry;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that scheme has lost its momentum in implementation;

(d) if so, the, reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to boost TUFS funding in textile sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) to (e) For monitoring and review of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), an Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee (IMSC) under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (Textiles) including representations of Departments of Expenditure, Commerce, Industry; Banking and Planning Commission has been constituted. Besides a Technical Advisory and Monitoring Committee